

Project Sponsorships

The German Association for Endangered Languages (Gesellschaft für bedrohte Sprachen - GBS) offers funding opportunities for the documentation and maintenance of endangered languages and dialects (cf. §2 of the GBS charter, http://www.uni-koeln.de/gbs/e_satz.html).

Since 2007, the Association for Endangered Languages has been offering so-called project sponsorships in addition to the regular annual grants (cf. Bulletin N° 13). The association raises donations specifically for selected projects. Potential donors are thus provided the opportunity to act as sponsors for a specific project which appeals to them personally.

The Association for Endangered Languages is looking for relevant applications for such project sponsorships. Supported projects will be presented in a call for donations and also on the GBS website. In particular, projects will be supported that cannot be carried out without additional funding because of the low commercial significance of the respective language, e.g., book translations, text editions, dictionaries, teaching materials, or multimedia resources. The amount of money applied for typically should not exceed **2,000 Euros**. Should the required amount not be fully covered by donations collected within a year after the call for donations, the GBS will look into the possibility of providing additional funding from its general budget.

The application for a GBS project sponsorship consists of three parts and can be submitted to the executive committee at any time:

- 1) A short, comprehensible call for donations describing the project, its urgency, and the proposed use of the donated money which can be used by the GBS for raising donations (up to 300 words long).
- 2) An approximately three page long description of the project with information about the following points:
 - a. Content and structure of the planned publication and mode of publication (publisher, self-publication, online publication, etc.);
 - b. Degree of endangerment of the language under consideration and planned cooperation with the speech community;
 - c. Information about the target audience and the expected benefit of the publication;
 - d. Budget details – an estimate of costs for the publication is normally expected;
 - e. Information about possible donors that can be approached by the GBS (e.g., associations and representative bodies of the speech community);
 - f. Information about the minimum amount of money that is necessary to complete the project, possibly in reduced form (just in case the sum of collected donations should be lower than the sum originally applied for).
- 3) A manuscript or draft of the materials to be published.

After completion of the project, the GBS expects a short report (approximately 500 words) on the project's results, which will be published in the bulletin of the GBS and on the GBS website. After publication, the GBS asks for a sample copy for its archive, and – if the print run allows it – additional copies for donors of larger amounts.

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